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REMARKS

The Office Action of 05/05/2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto the claims have been amended as set forth above. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the present remarks is respectfully requested.

A REPLACEMENT SHEET is submitted in which Figure 1 is identified as prior art as required.

The claims were rejected on various grounds for indefiniteness. Claims 1 and 8-11 have been canceled and new claims 16 and 17 added. The remaining claims have been extensively amended. All claims are now believed to be definite.

The claims were rejected based on the primary reference of Heinrich. New claims 16 and 17 are believed to patentably define over the same. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In particular, Heinrich is not believed to teach or suggest the separate supply of power to distinct controllers, a protocol controller and an application controller. Rather, Heinrich teaches the use of a specialized interface circuit that controls the application of power to a single microcontroller.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 2-7, 16 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 09/07/2006.